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# SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY BURLINGTON VICINAGE PRESS RELEASE

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## **BURLINGTON VICINAGE HOSTS SIXTH ADOPTION DAY**

The Superior Court of New Jersey, Burlington Vicinage, will celebrate its sixth Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. on the sixth floor of the Courts Facility, 49 Rancocas Rd., Mount Holly.

Approximately 20 adoptions will be finalized at a ceremony and celebration recognizing National Adoption Day. The adoptions will be heard by Family Court Judge Philip E. Haines and Judge Louise D. Donaldson, who is retired and temporarily assigned on recall.

The vicinage is coordinating the event with the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency, the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer/Burlington and the Burlington County Surrogate's Office.

The celebration will open with remarks to the adoptive families from Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder. "Finalizing adoptions and helping children become part of loving, permanent families is the most gratifying work we do," said Judge Bookbinder. "I extend my gratitude to all the families who have opened their hearts and homes for these children."

Following court proceedings, families are invited to a luncheon at the Burlington County Board of Social Services, 795 Woodlane Rd., Westampton. Children's activities are scheduled, and each family will receive a complimentary family portrait and gift bag.

National Adoption Day is an annual event to celebrate the families and children whose adoptions will be finalized and to raise public awareness of the need for adoptive homes.

Members of the press are invited to attend the luncheon reception.

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**Although adoption hearings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families at the luncheon at Burlington County Board of Social Services in Westampton at 11:30 a.m. Contact Donna Mazzanti at 609-518-2518 for more information.**